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in Nebraska because I looked only at the cost of turning out the students. I didn't look....

SPEAKER NICHOL: A minute and a half left.

SENATOR REMMERS: ...at the related benefits, but after considering those, I have become an enthusiastic supporter. Those people in Nebraska that have looked at the whole program beyond just the cost of the turning out of the students, the spin-off benefits also favor the college. This is a long range program. It is not something that is going to be returned in the next year or two but it is something that we need to look at down the road. Nebraska still exports a great deal of grain. Even without additional irrigation and improved seed stocks, we will have much more grain which will allow expansion of our livestock industry. It is a renewable resource in the State of Nebraska and I think we would be very shortsighted if we didn't develop our livestock industry to the fullest, and I don't believe we can do this without a good vet college in the State of Nebraska. I urge your support.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, there is a half a minute left.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to request about two minutes if I could. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, you just talked me into it when you turned your light on.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I strongly support LB 533 for Nebraska to have a vet school. And I would like to talk to you about an investment in our future rather than an expense. Nebraska is a large producer of livestock and, of course, when you have large numbers of livestock, you need veterinarians. We are spending nearly \$2 million a year for tuition to send our students to other states. Individuals and various groups of people feel it is important enough to have a vet college that they are willing to contribute nearly \$2 million out of their own pocket. I feel that we need to look to the future of the livestock industry in our state. We have an abundance of resources and I think Senator Wiley touched on those. We have a lot of water. We have a lot of grain. We have a lot of grass and, of course, we need this to prepare our livestock for human consumption. The livestock business in Nebraska in future years I feel will be expanding instead of deteriorating. Some critics say, well,